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USAID / ENTRENA / NGOS CONFERENCE “SHARED RESPONSIBILITY IN SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT – TEN YEARS OF SUCCESS”

SANTO DOMINGO -- The United States Agency for International Development inaugurated the conference “Shared Responsibility in Sustainable Social Development – Ten Years of Success”, presenting its experience in working with Dominican communities during the last ten years. The conference took place on December 4th and 5th at the Lina Hotel.

Mrs. Milagros Ortiz Bosch, Vice President of the Dominican Republic, attended this conference. Also, attending were Eng. Sergio Grullon, Administrative Secretariat of the Presidency; Lic. Rafael Calderon, Technical Secretariat of the Presidency; the Agricultural, Health, Environment and Natural Resources Secretariats, many Ministers and Directors of important international organizations, private sectors representatives and some NGOs members.

The conference stressed the importance and the success achieved by the implementation of programs in the Dominican Republic, due to alliance between NGOs, public and private sectors and international organizations.

USAID Director, Ms. Elena Brineman, said, “It’s, indeed, a recognition to the hard work and disposition of the Dominican Government, international grantees, private sector and NGOs that helped the communities in their self-development.”

USAID and many partners have marked this country’s development through the activities executed under the NGO’s Co-Financing and the Reconstruction of Hurricane Georges projects. These projects are very important, not only because of the technical success in the execution of different activities, but also for the capacity of building alliance between the sectors involved.

Ms. Brineman said, “We are proud to contribute to the creation of a strong, responsible, capable NGO sector that is willing to commit to the development of the Dominican Republic. We believe in a private sector that is concerned for the welfare of their

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communities and we applaud the determination of those low-income Dominicans that contributed with their hard work.” She also stated, “those alliances have contributed to change the lifestyle of those communities in a positive manner in a short term by ensuring the availability of clean and potable water, electricity and housing”.